COURT RULING TO AID MORGAN APPRAISAL

Value of Good Will Determined by Book Value, Said Court of Appeals in Rees Case.

PERSONALITY A FACTOR

Estate of Isidor Straus Affected, and Counsel for the State Controller Looks for Increase in Executors' Valuation.

Thomas E. Rush, attorney for the State Controller, expressed the opinion yesterof Appeals would facilitate the work of appraising the estate of J. Pierpont Morgan. This decision was handed down in the matter of the appraisal of the estate of Norman I. Rees and cleared up a perplexing point as to the method by which the value of the good will of a business might be reached.

The Court of Appeals sustained the contention of the State Controller that the value of the good will of a company is to be determined by the book value of such company and not by the market value of of the shares of stock of the company. The court upholds the theory that an important factor is the loss of the personality of the man whose estate is to be appraised and also that the value of the good will must be fixed according to the profits of the business.

Mr. Rush said: "This matter is of the utmost importance because up to this time in the case of the estate of every man of large business affairs we have always been confronted with a dispute as to the proper basis upon which the valuation of the business and the good will should be

Mr. Rush believed that the most difficult question to be determined in the appraisal of the estate of Mr. Morgan involved the good will of J. P. Mergan & Co. While the decision of the Court of Appeals in the Rees case makes it necessary to reach a value by the profits as shown by the book value, at the same time, in effect, it provides that an amount commensurate with the estimated value of the importance of Mr. Morgan's personality in his banking firm must be deducted from the

Mr. Rees was president of Hans Rees's Sons, Inc., hide and leather merchants. The left an estate valued at \$964,555. His largest holding was 8,933 shares of his company's stock. The executors under Mr. Rees's will contended that the stock as worth not more than \$50 a share One expert placed a value of only \$38 on a share, while another said \$65 to \$70 uld be a high valuation. An expert for the State Controller who examined the books of the company said he thought the stock should be taxed at \$120 a share. He later reduced his valuation to \$90. The transfer tax appraiser taxed the interest of Mr. Rees in his company at \$759,306. The admitted market value was \$625,310. The appraiser deducted \$5 on each share on account of the loss of Mr. Rees's personality in the business.

The decision of the highest court of the state will have an effect on the appraisal of the estate of Isidor Straus, who was a member of R. H. Macy & Co. The larger member of R. H. Macy & Co. The larger portion of his estate, it is understood, was represented by his interest in this concern. The proceedings for the appraisal of the estate of Mr. Straus have been delayed by the question of the value of the good will of the business. With the decision of the Court of Appeals favoring his contention, Mr. Rush thinks that the appraisal of the interest of Mr. Straus in R. H. Macy & Co. will be larger than the valuation placed on it by the executors.

AUTO LAMP MAKERS OUT Strike Affects Several Large City Manufacturers.

A general strike of automobile lampmakers, the first strike in this trade in this city, was reported yesterday by the strike leaders, to enforce demands which have been made for a shorter workday and a new wage scale. The strike is under the direction of the Auto Sheet Metal Workers' Union No. 137 and the United Hebrew Trades.

The firms affected by the strike are the Auto Lamp Company, No. 400 East 124th street; the Columbia, No. 243 West 47th street; the American Company, No. 253 West 47th street; the Lenox Company, 67th street and Seventh avenue, and the New York Coach Company, 53d street and Eighth avenue. The latter two firms have granted the demands and their striking employes will return to work to-day.

SAVED FROM "DEVIL'S BALL"

Clerk Who Left Ragtime Message Fails in Attempt at Suicide.

Giving what he thought would be a sardonic touch to his final message, in which he told his friends, "I must go to the devil's ball," Samuel Goldstein, twenty-one years old, a clerk, who had been out of work and was despondent, attempted suicide by turning on the gas jet in his bedroom at No. 211 East 14th street. and is now a prisoner in Bellevue Hospital, where he was taken early yesterday morning. He will recover.

Patrolmen Henne and Moran, of the East 22d street police station, after working over the young man for some time succeeded in bringing him to conscious ness. They thought he had been accidentally overcome until their eyes lighted upon a note which was pinned on the wall and read as follows:

"Goodby, my dear friends-Joe and all the friends I know. My friends, please forgive all, because I must go to the devil's ball. Because that's where I can be happy as you could be here. So goodby, dear friends, and forgive me all, because you can never see me any more."

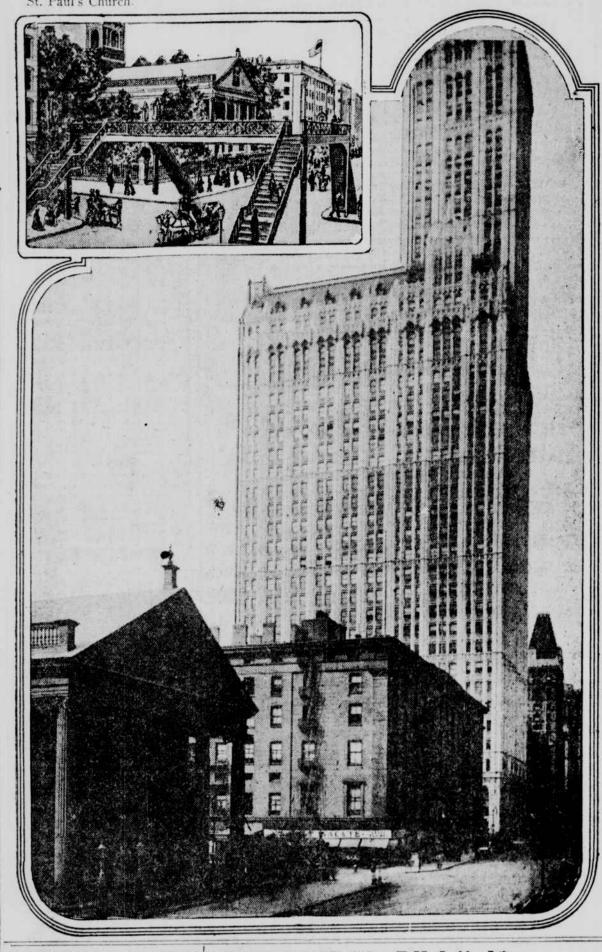
Trustees to Establish Boys in New After years of experiment the authori-

regarded as a surprise. the amount of \$2,050.

When Katagiri reached his home, at No. 235 East 57th street, last night, after handing over all the evidence in his possion to the police, there was a deep cut over his left eye and his clothes looked as some time ago by the school opposite Van School building of the most approved type and an apartment house or dormitory for teachers and their families. It is estimated that the cost of erecting these mated that the cost of erecting these mated that the cost of erecting \$50,000 to buildings will be \$250,000 leaving \$50,000 to \$20.000 to \$20.0000 change was made at a meeting of the the amount of \$2,050. be raised by subscriptions

OLD NEW YORK NOW PASSING AND NEW NEW YORK RISING.

The Astor House, soon to be demolished, outlined against the mighty shaft of the Woolworth Building. In the upper corner a picture of the old Fulton street bridge, which was erected for the convenience of pedestrians who feared the traffic on Broadway. The Astor House is seen just above



BOY HANGS SELF BY SCARF Youngster of 14 Grieved Over Mother's Death.

Medford, Mass., May 4.-Herbert W. Joyce, fourteen years old, committed suicide to-day by strangling himself to the head of the bed, tied it around his neck and threw his weight against

The boy had been in poor health since the death of his mother recently

SUICIDE IN ANIMAL PARK

Young Man's Body, with Throat Cut, Found in Bushes.

who had cut his throat with a razor, was found in a clump of bushes in the New York Zoological Park vesterday by Henry Moack, a keeper at the park. An letter was scaled and it will be turned District Attorney. over to the Consulate here by the Coro-

The young man prepared himself for death by removing his overcoat and coat and rolling up his sleeves. His collar and tie had been removed, and his hat was on top of his coats, which were neatly folded up. The razor was lying beside

The suicide was about twenty-two years old, about five feet seven inches tail, with dark hair and blue eyes. The body was peculiar for all "Bouncing Bill" knew. taken to the Morgue and will be kept there until the Russian Consul is heard

HELD ON "SLAVE" CHARGE Young South American Accused of Trying to Sell Girl.

Francesco de Tibalvi, arrested on Satarday night for trying to sell Susie Glenn. seventeen years old, of No. 410 East 163d street, to Y. S. Katagiri, a Japanese tea merchant, was arraigned before Magistrate Marsh, in the Morrisania court, yesterday, and held without bail for examination to-morrow morning on a charge of abduction.

When a note found in the girl's purse and supposed to have been written by De Tibalvi was produced in court the South American fainted. It read:

Don't betray me. I won't hurt you. CO-ED BAN AT MANN SCHOOL It shall be a wedding gift to him. Stick to the last. I love you all; I love a few, a few is one and that one is you."

De Tibalvi described himself at the time Buildings Near Van Cortlandt Park. De Tibalvi described himself at Argentine of his arrest as the son of an Argentine planter, with a home at No. 68 West 96th ties at the Horace Mann School have de- street. The Japanese told the police that cided to abandon co-education. For a the South American had induced the girl long time this school stood pre-eminent to live with him for a while and had then among co-educational institutions for offered to sell her to the tea merchant. did not take the matter up she was going young girls and boys, and the change is Katagiri tipped off the police, and three detectives were on hand when the "sale" The first definite step in effecting this was consummated with marked bills to

"BOUNCING BILL" IS BUSY CHASING "BUGS"

with a necktie. He fastened the scart "Shock Absorber" at Door of Whitman's Office Has Hands Full "Shooing" Mentally Upset Who Seek Help.

> District Attorney Whitman's office her case and went away satisfied. "Hounging Bill" now has a new job as court attendant in General Sessions. Informally he was known as the "bug chas-

Three of the visitors were well dressed Angelo Bozzo, of the complaint bureau. Willing to help anybody. She was a stranger and might be merely

and well bred appearing women were the one else. where for months, if not years.

bombs in their laps waiting in her re- and married his daughter to some one else. high time something was done, so she came to the District Attorney.

The second, who was dressed in silk and wore considerable jewelry, announced that murderers would have to stop bury ing their victims in her front yard, up in City Island. Moreover, her neighbors blew cocaine into her windows in a most disconcerting way. If the wind was in the south her southern neighbor got busy with the cocaine, and so on all around the compass. The wind could find no quarter where there was not a neighbor armed with cocaine. If the District Attorney to the federal authorities and then it would be too late.

The third woman, who saw Mr. Leo and Mr. Bozzo, wanted to know if there was

The mania which drives those mentally her shoulder, and, climbing on to a chair, unbalanced to seek out men in public office made life miserable last week for "Bouncing Bill" Cowans, who until Fri-"Bouncing Bill" Cowans, who until Fri- was assured that the statutes would be day was "shock absorber" at the door of examined to find the section which fitted tor once asked, pointing to the thirty-

Seeks His Old Classmate.

The man whom Mr. Bozzo had comenvelope of the Zoological Society was er," and last week he had on his hands mitted to Bellevue's psychopathic ward smoke them he used them for walking found on the body. It was addressed to no less than five importunate lunatics, who wanted to see "Charlie" Whitman, who sticks." the Russian Consulate in this city. The demanded immediate audience with the was a classmate of his. Emperor William was another classmate, but he wanted to when the dismantling is begun will differ see "Charlie" first. Expanding under the vastly from the picture presented when women, whose appearance would gain leading questions put by Mr. Bozzo, the the hotel was opened. Where the Woolthem immediate admittance to almost any man told of his friendship with financiers worth Building now towers a row of them immediate admittance to almost any past and present. He remembered as pitched roof, three story buildings stood, office. Two of them, however, were recognized as regular visitors, and they had though it were yesterday his meeting with shops lining the sidewalk. City Hail ognized as regular visitors, and they had to be content with pouring stories two with E. H. Harriman in the "Mutterers" Park extended to the point of Park Row hours long into the not too sympathetic Cafe," at Second avenue and 14th street ear of "Bouncing Bill." The third was He had given Mr. Harriman much sound shunted into the office of Leopold Leo and advice then; he was a good sort and inclosing a grove of trees.

"Mr. Harriman wanted to know whether and Broadway, on the site of the present it was better to repair a railroad as soon Colonial Trust Company Building, was Mr. Bozzo and Mr. Leo also saw the two men. One of them was humored and said, "and I said immediately by all posters depicting the wonders to be seen

The stories told by the middle aged a man whose daughter had married some plied the routes now covered by the He and the man he sought to same, with few variations, that they have sue had lived in the same town in the been telling to "bug chasers" at the Dis- old country. The one was a poor cobbler trict Attorney's office and perhaps else- and the other was the rich man of the town. In fairy tales the rich man's daugh-Italians, who wanted to blow her up. If plaining cobbler brought forth a tattered of vision between two fingers takes in ter married the poor cobbler (the comshe went out shopping she was likely to volume to prove his assertion), and this only the southeast corner of the Astor find two or three Italians with smoking particular rich man had violated the rules

police would do nothing for her. It was that if it were by any means possible in the churchyard have been thinned out such violation of precedent should not go in the last three-quarters of a century, unpunished.

FIGHTS ON HIS SLEEP JAUNT Weekly Clam Chowder Makes for Pugnacious Somnambulism.

Whether it was the clam chowder eater on Friday night that caused John Dominguez, twenty-two years old, to walk in his sleep once a week, early on Saturday morning, and disturb the peace of his family, or just a matter of habit was not established yesterday when the elder brother of John asked Magistrate Kernochan to send the man to Bellevue Hospital for observation. The court refused, but advised him to consult a physician.

The older brother had testified that

ASTOR HOUSE HUSHED AS SECRET REPORT OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PRO LAST LOOKS ARE TAKEN 問

Scores of Visitors Gently Tread Its Corridors and Servants Go About in Gloom.

SAD DAY FOR EMPLOYES

'Eddie," "Mike," "Al" and "Captain Jim" Carson, Fixtures to Patrons, Shake Their Heads in Silence.

The black and white marble tiled corridors of the Astor House vibrated softly who came to take a farewell look yesterday. The announcement made Saturday that the doors, closed only once during the seventy-seven years of the hotel's existence as a public house, would be barred permanently after May 29, attracted many for whom the place had a sen-The wonted calm of the Astor House

seemed yesterday to have deepened into gloom. Servants and employes went about their duties with little animation; visitors tiptoed along the halls speaking in whispers as they peered into the dining halls and sitting tooms, where three generations had sought refreshment and rest. There was a probability, it was said, of prolonged negotiatons between the Astor estate and the Public Service Commission before satisfactory arrangements for running the subway under the southeast corner of the structure were made.

The doors of the building were thrown open to the public June 1, 1836. They will be shut forever just two days less than seventy-seven years from that date.

Probably none of the thousands of patrons of the famous lunch counters in the rotunda feel regret at its passing as keen ly as the men who have waited on then for years. Hardly one of these employed has seen less than a quarter of a century of service, and to many they are fixtures as permanent as the old iron staircases. It will be a sad day for "Eddie," "Mike," "Al" and "Captain Jim" Carson wher they hang up their aprens for the last

The oldest of the Astor House servitors is Albert C. Kaufman. It will be just forty-four years in November since he came to the Astor House, a raw German youth. His knowledge of waiting or tables had been acquired during a short term of employment at Bang's restaurant. in Broadway, opposite the postoffice. He has been the head waiter for as many years as the oldest habitue of the Astor ouse can recall 'Al," as he is usually called, was in-

disposed to talk yesterday. Like the ther employes, he shook his head when the closing of the famous old house was mentioned. "It's a shame," he said.

It was not long ago, though, that "Al'
told of the many famous men to whose
gastronomic wants he had ministered
shame and the said on that oc-General Grant," he said on that oc asion, "always ate simple food, such as neat and potatoes, and finished his mea

y emoking a long, black cigar." He also knew the favorite dishes of Chester A. Arthur, Benjamin Harrison and Grover Cleveland. In fact, many of his regular patrons merely said when he approached their table: "Bring me some-

Besides bankers and hosts of other leaders in the business world who lunched daily at the Astor House, "Al" has served almost every Mayor of the city for the ast forty years.

Sixty years ago the rotunda was an pen garden, laid out with no dered walks which surrounded a fountain, but had the area not been roofed over the Astor House might not have obtained the fame which it enjoys to-day. Beneath its arched roof were served meals which attracted from far and near those desirous of good food. The cigars which might be purchased at the desk were equally renowned. The highest

inch Havanas reposing in individual cedar cases.

"Not many since Tod Sloan went abroad," he was told. "When he did not

The scene surrounding the Astor House and Broadway, now encumbered by the Federal Building, an iron picket fence At the junction of Ann street, Park Row

turned loose. The second was committed means, and told him where he could buy within, covering the Broadway face of to Bellevue. The second man was a dreamy indi-There is still one possible view of the By standing in front of the Park Row Building, closing one eye and placing a hand across the other so that the range imagine he is looking upon the old hotel cleaner than ever before. He went away consoled by the thought at the beginning of its career. The trees effect.



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"CLEAN-UP" PLANS READY

Commissioner Lederle Says Campaign Will Be Lesson. The biggest lesson for the public in the

'clean-up" campaign, so Health Commissioner Lederle declared yesterday in announcing final plans for the crusade, will be the value of keeping the city clean at LONG ACRE THEATRE W. 488. ail times. Although some persons have believed the campaign has suffered for the last few weeks from lack of interest, the Commissioner explained that in this time necessary arrangements were being made for the work-which will begin a week surroundings which time has not altered. from to-day and last until May 16-and there has been a campaign of education aware of the big housecleaning event. Through the efforts of the Street Clean-

ing Department and the police the Commissioner says the streets have been made The many private organizations which

are taking part in the campaign, the Commissioner hopes, will form themselves into but a little imagination will produce the permanent organizations to work for a continuous "clean-up."





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